BRIDGES CONNECTING ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI WITH WILLINGDON ISLAND—TOLLS, ETC.—LEVY OF

107. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any provision or understanding between the Cochin, Travancore and India Governments to share tolls or registration fees on vehicles; if so, in what proportion;

(*b*) to which treasury are the moneys collected on account of tolls and permit fees remitted;

(*c*) whether exceptions and exemptions have been made in the collection of these tolls and fees for permits; if so, under what provision of law or notification under any law?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) There are no tolls on the bridges connecting Willingdon Island with Ernakulam and Mattancheri. All vehicles, excepting Motor buses and lorries, are allowed free passage over the bridges. Buses regularly let or plied for fire over both or any of the bridges are required to obtain a permit from the Commissioner of Police on payment of a special fee of Rs. 75 per annum. Buses occasionally let or plied for hire are required to obtain a temporary permit from the Commissioner of Police on payment of a fee of Rs. 1—8—0 per bus for every visit. The conditions on which lorries are to be allowed over the bridges are under consideration. The permit fees in respect of buses are collected by the State Police Department and adjusted to the credit of the Port Authorities;

(*c*) No exceptions or exemptions have been made in the collection of the fees for permits.

TOWN COUNCILS—CONSTITUTION OF—APPOINTMENTS CONNECTED WITH

108. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any appointments were made by the Special Officer for Town Councils or any other authority for works in connection with the constitution of and to

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